

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] The Examiner graciously talked with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on February 19, 2009. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner’s willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, we discussed distinctions between the cited references and the claims, pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112, and proposed claim amendments highlighting several differences. In particular, we discussed features “determining to join the peer group” based on certain policy and “locality-awareness” in view of references Banerjee and Ratnasamy. Per the request from the Examiner, I also elaborated on details of how the “determining to join the peer group” was conducted.

[0005] The Examiner was receptive to the discussion, but maintained his position and indicated that additional amendments might be needed to clarify certain features.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims consistent with the discussion during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited references of record for the reasons provided below.